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1. MISSION'S COMMENTS ON REPORT IN REF A INDICATE FULL APPRECIATION OF CONTINUING STRONG US INTEREST IN A NATO AIRCREW EW TACTICS FACILITY. REQUEST YOU TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO DISPEL CONFUSION WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CREATED BY OUR PROPOSAL AT AD HOC GROUP MEETING. YOU SHOULD REAFFIRM OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN ANY PRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO STANDARDIZE AND CONSOLIDATE NATO TRAINING. THE
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SUGGESTION THAT THE EFFORTS OF NAFAG AD HOC GROUP BE

ASSUMED BY THE AIR FORCE SUB-GROUP OF ET/NT STEMMED FROM THE CHARTER OF THE LATTER GROUP AND THE FACT THAT THE EFFORTS OF THE TWO GROUPS APPEARED TO BE DUPLICATIVE. WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL MEETING OF THE AIR FORCE SUB-GROUP OF ET/NT INCLUDE FOR DISCUSSION QTE NATO ADVANCED AIR COMBAT TACTICS TRAINING UNQTE, WHICH WE ENVISION TO INCLUDE EW TRAINING. IN ADDITION, PREVIOUS REPORTS ON THE AIR FORCE SUB-GROUP MEETINGS INDICATE EW TO BE AN ONGOING SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION IN THAT GROUP. THESE FACTORS AND OUR FEELING THAT EFFORTS TOWARD A NATO EW FACILITY SHOULD BE CLOSELY ALIGNED AND FULLY COORDINATED LED TO THE US PROPOSAL AT THE 7-9 JANUARY MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE US IS NOT A QTE FULL-FLEDGED UNQTE MEMBER OF THE EUROGROUP. HOWEVER, AS A MEMBER OF THE EURO/NATO TRAINING GROUP, THE US HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE GROUP'S EFFORTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS AIMED AT ENHANCING NATO'S CAPABILITY THROUGH STANDARDIZED AND CONSOLIDATED TRAINING. IN THIS REGARD, YOUR HELPFUL RECOMMENDATIONS IN REF C ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION HERE AND AND COMMENTS ON PROPOSED COOPERATIVE TRAINING VENTURES WILL BE PROVIDED BY SEPTEL. INGERSOLL

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